

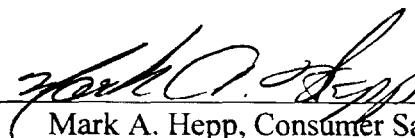
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR

Food Additive Petition 9B4647, submitted by Exxon Company International to amend 21 *CFR* 178.3910(a)(2) to permit the safe use of isopropyl laurate as a component of surface lubricants used in the manufacture of metallic articles intended for use in contact with food.

The Special Projects Team, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment; market volume information submitted by the petitioner; and the following:

1. Only a very small amount, if any, of the subject additive is expected to enter the environment as a result of the landfill disposal of food-packaging materials containing the subject additive. This finding is based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) regulations governing municipal solid waste landfills.¹

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¹ EPA's regulations require new municipal solid waste landfill units and lateral expansions of existing units to have composite liners and leachate collection systems to prevent leachate from entering ground and surface water, and to have ground-water monitoring systems (40 *CFR* Part 258). Although owners and operators of existing active municipal solid waste landfills that were constructed before October 9, 1993, are not required to retrofit liners and leachate collection systems, they are required to monitor groundwater and to take corrective action as appropriate.